WON'T YOU COME HELP US?! WE WANT THIS MANGA OUT AS MUCH AS YOU DO!!!
WE'RE LOOKING FOR J-E TRANSLATORS FOR THIS MANGA!
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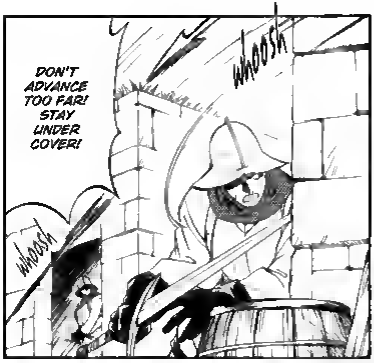
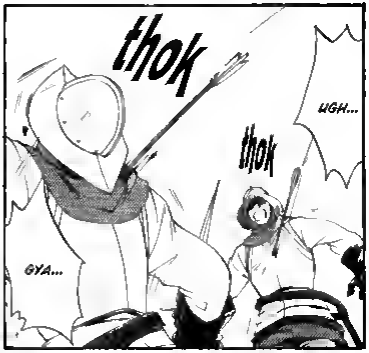
Scene 6 . To the Abyss of War

TWANG
TWANG
TWANG


DON'T ADVANCE TOO FAR! STAY UNDER COVER!
whoosh
whoosh


thok
thok
UGH...
GYA...

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE WELL FROM HERE!
IT'S A BATTLE! A BATTLE!
WOW! AMA-ZING!

TASTE

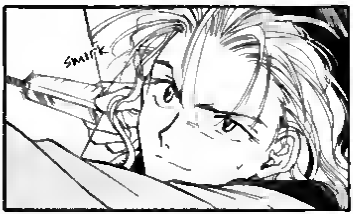
UMM... THAT PERSON IS...
looks around
AH!
THERE!
AIRBORNE FORCES...!
THIS IS BAD! THEY'LL AIM FOR THE ARCHERS ON THE CLIFF!
WE CAN'T GO BACK!
DON'T WORRY SARA WILL MANAGE SOMEHOW

CLANG
!
SARA!
ABOVE YOU!!!
BRING IT ON!
THE ONES ABOVE SHOULD LOOK ABOVE, HUH...

<THUD>

<THUD>

<RUSTLE RUSTLE>



BOYLE!
AGH!
A CROSS-BOW...?! WHERE DID IT—?!
<WOOSH>
<SLIDE>
UGH...
<THUD>
THEY'RE SHOOTING FROM WITHIN THE FOREST!
THE FOREST ...!!!

DON'T BE LOOKING AWAY!
...!
<STAB>
UGH
CRAP
YOUR LEVEL ISN'T HIGH ENOUGH
TO BE FACING ME!

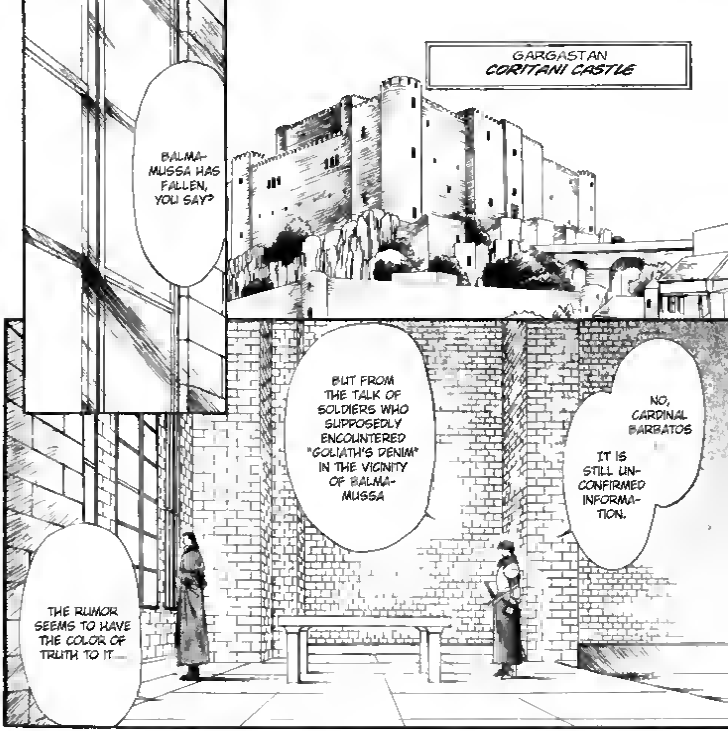
SHIT... AT THIS RATE, IT'S NOT JUST A MATTER OF GETTING THE ENEMY'S NUMBERS!
THAT VULTAN IS STRONG!
toss
VERY CLEVER
grin
THAT SARA SO SHE HAD CROSSBOW UNITS SET UP INSIDE THE FOREST
ONCE DENIM ENTERS THE TOWN, WE'LL SPLIT LEFT AND RIGHT AND DESCEND THE CLIFF ACCORDING TO PLAN!
REMAINING ARCHERS CONTINUE WITH BACKUP FIRE!
LEAVE THE SKIES TO CANOPUS AND THE CROSSBOW UNITS!

Squeeze
IF YOU COME OUT TOO FAR, YOU'LL GET SNIPED!
HEALERS FOLLOW IN THE REAR OF THE TROOPS!
SHIT... THAT LIBERATION ARMY TO SUDDENLY ATTACK...
WHAT ARE THEIR NUMBERS...?! WHAT ARE THE AIRBORNE TROOPS DO—
<SLASH>
AAARGH!
<STEP>

BALMAMUSSA BELONGS TO US, THE WALSTA LIBERATION ARMY!
I AM DENIM POWELL OF GOLIATH!

THE ONE WHO STAINED HIS HANDS WITH ATROCITIES AGAINST THIS OWN COUNTRYMEN, GOLIATH'S...
WHAT?! DENIM ...?!

ADVANCE!
DENIM HAS ENTERED THE TOWN!
LET'S GO!
FRESANCE, GO WITH THE TROOPS ON THE LEFT!
KACHUA, WITH MY TROOPS!
A MOMENT'S DELAY SEPARATES LIFE AND DEATH!
PAY ATTENTION AND COME ALONG!


GARGASTAN
CORITANI CASTLE
BALMA-MUSSA HAS FALLEN, YOU SAY?
BUT FROM THE TALK OF SOLDIERS WHO SUPPOSEDLY ENCOUNTERED "GOLIATH'S DENIM" IN THE VICINITY OF BALMA-MUSSA
NO, CARDINAL BARBATOS
IT IS STILL UN-CONFIRMED INFORMA-TION.
THE RUMOR SEEMS TO HAVE THE COLOR OF TRUTH TO IT...

THE ENEMY IS PROBABLY ANTICIPATING THAT THEY COULD OVER-COME OUR WAR POTENTIAL THAT HAS BEEN SPLIT INTO TWO...
THAT IS QUITE POSSIBLE AS WELL
RONWAY IS PRETTY GOOD AT TRICKS, TOO
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD WAY TO DISRUPT US?

TO BE SAFE—
IN ORDER TO PINCH AND CRUSH WALSTA, EVEN HALF OF OUR FORCES IS ENOUGH... ISN'T IT?
...
TO IGNORE THAT INFORMATION THAT *THAT* "DENIM" HAS ENTERED BALMAMUSSA
AND IMMEDIATELY SEND THE MAJORITY OF OUR WAR POTENTIAL ONLY TO SWANZI WOULD BE DANGEROUS.
BUT EVEN IF THE GOAL OF THE ENEMY'S STRATEGY IS TO DISRUPT US
ALSO, IMMEDIATELY ASSEMBLE THE STRATEGISTS AND CONVENE A WAR COUNCIL.
YES, SIR!
ZAE-BOS
JUST IN CASE SEND GALBA'S UNIT TOWAR ZODO MARSH
"GOLIATH'S HERO", HUH?

DENIM POWELL.
THAT UNPLEASANT YOUTH FROM WALSTA WHO RECAPTURED ARMORICA FROM MY FORCES...
<THUNK>
GWAA!
WAAAAH!

GWAAAAH!
ITS THUNDER BREATH IS COMING!
<KRRACKLE>
<SQUISH>
IT'S NO GOOD...!!!
SWORDS BARELY WORK AGAINST THE DRAGON!
USE NINJA MAGIC TO ATTACK THE DRAGON FROM A DISTANCE!
JUST WEAKEN IT SLOW—
DIRECT ATTACKERS, AVOID THE FRONT AND AIM FOR ITS BLIND SPOT!
<SLASH>

UGH ...
<SWIPE>
<SLASH>
GUH ...
<CRASH>
!!
DENIM!
KH!
<COLLAPSE>

I'LL MANAGE IT WITH A CURE LEAF
I'M OKAY...
HE MISSED THE VITAL SPOTS...
HANG ON!!!
<DRIP DRIP>
THROB
A person who will do anything to win... who's completely heartless?
Is he really a person who would massacre his own people?
SQUEEZE
This person
whoosh
<FLAP>
!!!

A GRIFFIN!
TO THINK THERE ARE STILL AIR-BORNE UNITS LEFT—
WAH!
<WHOOSH>
<SENET>
<RUSTLE>
ARGH!

<THRUST>
<SLEAM>
SHIT ...
GWAH ...
<THUD>
GYAA AA...
<THUMP>
GAH ...
I CAN'T DEFEND THIS PLACE WITH JUST CROSS-BOW UNITS!
THIS IS NOT GOOD!
WAAA AAH!!
<SNAP SNAP SNAP>

LET'S FIGHT!
...WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO RE-GROUP...
THEY CAN NO LONGER PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR US
THIS IS BAD. WITH THAT, SARA'S PEOPLE HAVE THEIR HANDS FULL COVERING THE SKIES!
GYAAAAA!
HANG ON...!
IT'S OK!
UGH
I'M GOING TO CAST A HEALING SPELL NOW!
GET AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN BEFORE SHOOTING!
THE ARROWS ARE BEING DEFLECTED BY THE WIND PRESSURE!

People before my eyes...
are being killed one by one...
Dennm...
This is...
This is a battle...
drip
drip

SLASH
CLANG
DON'T FALTER!
THOSE WHO DON'T WANT TO DIE, FIGHT!
CUT DOWN EVERY SINGLE ENEMY BEFORE YOU!!!
THAT PERSON... THE CURE LEAF ISN'T WORKING
BLOOD
OOZE

<THRUST>

<THUNK>

GWA AAA ..

<FLUCK>

TCH..

<KCHIK>

<THRUST>
<TWIRL>
<SWIRL>
LIKE I SAID...
YOUR LEVEL'S TOO LOW.
WHA...
SO FAST...

...COME FORTH FROM THUNDER-CLOUDS --
O THUNDER BEAST --
WHAT ...?!
MAG --
WITH THOSE CLAWS --
Damn ...
...TEAR UP THE EARTH!
THUNDER FLARE!!!
GWAAAAH!!!

CANO-
PUS!!!

THIS DEVELOPMENT IS BEYOND BAD...
THEY EVEN HAD WIZARDS?!
VOLTEL!
...!!!!
At this rate...
I have to do something...
HEY!
HANG ON!
HANG IN THERE!!
roll
UGH
I'M FINE... JUST SCRATCHES
VOLTEL, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

NO...
I DON'T WANT... TO DIE...
JUST... BY TAKING PART IN THIS BATTLE?
COUGH
AM I GOING TO... DIE?
GRAB
<FLIP>
DENIM ...
IF THIS BATTLE DRAGS ON ANY FURTHER, THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES WILL ONLY INCREASE...
...
I DON'T... WANT...
TO...

I WON'T LET US BE WIPED OUT.
IF WE DON'T BRING DOWN THE ENEMY WIZARD
WE'LL BE WIPED OUT HERE
STEP
I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN

?!?!
I'LL ACT AS THE BAIT.
IF I GO OUT, THE WIZARD WILL DEFINITELY FIRE AT ME
YOU REMAINING SOLDIERS ALSO TRY TO DRAW HIS ATTENTION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
DURING THAT TIME, VOLTEL AND HIS GROUP WILL HEAD FOR THE WIZARD!
NO
WAIT, DENIM
IF IT'S TO BE THE ENEMY'S TARGET...
IF YOU NEED BAIT, WE'LL DO IT
THEN THAT'S OUR DUTY
NO!
I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE ANY MORE COMPA-NIONS!
THIS IS DANGE-ROUS!

LISTEN, DENIM. YOU ARE THE LEADER OF THIS TEAM, THE DIVINE DRAGON KNIGHTS.
OTHER PEOPLE ASIDE, WE CANNOT LET YOU DIE!
VOLTEL
LET'S GO, FOLLOW ME!!!
DON'T FALTER OR FALL BEHIND!
TH-, THEY ARE COMING!
THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM.
DON'T HESITATE! YOU JUST HAVE TO KILL THEM!

<CLANG!>
<KWAAAH!!>
If you hesitate...
Someone will surely die
If you don't move—...
...OH SIGHS
<VRM>
OF THE COLD-HEARTED QUEEN...

Faster...
Faster ...
Faster ...!!!
...BECOME A BLADE OF ICE...
AND CUT APART THE EARTH!
DENIM! TO THE LEFT AND FRONT...
ON TOP OF THE BROKEN CHIMNEY!

BLAST!
AAAAARRRGGGHH
ICE

DENIM!
SHOOT HIM,
SWOOSH

SWOOSH?
THUNK?

HE DID...
IT...?
<SLIP>
<CLANG>
<THUMP>
<ROAR>
<CRUMBLE>
VOLTEL!

VOLTEL!!
PLEASE... HANG ON!!
VOLTEL...
Everyone is injured...
collapsed
exhausted
Can this really be considered a victory?

Even so,
I...
squeeze
...can only
fall into the
abyss of
war...